

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1428 - HB 1158

April 10, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any employer-sponsored group health care plan that includes chiropractic benefits to allow beneficiary access to any chiropractic provider who abides by the conditions set by the health benefit plan. Requires non-discrimination between providers in reimbursement and copayments. Plans must assure that an adequate number of chiropractic providers are included in the plan for reasonable access.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Under TennCare, MCOs are not required to provide chiropractic services, unless such service is determined to be cost effective by the MCO.

This bill would not directly impact the state employee health insurance plan and most local government health plans, since self-insured plans are exempted by federal law (ERISA).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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